

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as currently amended and in view of the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-8 are pending in the application. Claims 1-6 have been amended. In particular, Claim 1 has been amended to replace the means-plus-function language with specific details of the circuitry illustrated in Applicant's Figure 1. Claim 5, which contains similar language as Claim 1 but in step-plus-function language, has been similarly amended. Claims 2 and 6 have been amended to recite that the edit list is created almost simultaneously with a switching operation, as found at least on page 6 of Applicant's specification. No new matter has been added.

By way of summary, Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fu et al. (U.S. 6,882,793, hereinafter: Fu) and Strubbe et al. (U.S. 5,047,867, hereinafter: Strubbe). The Official Action takes the position (page 5) that Fu does not disclose that the input stream is from a live broadcast. To overcome this deficiency of Fu, the Official Action turns to Strubbe for a disclosure of an input stream from a live broadcast.

In response, Applicant has amended Claims 1 and 5 to recite the specific circuitry illustrated in Applicant's Figure 1 and steps carried out by the circuitry illustrated in Applicant's Figure 1. In particular, the claims specifically recite the input selection circuit 21, switcher control circuit 23, control section 24, switcher operation console 4, and edit operation console 5. In addition, Claim 1 recites that control section 24 is connected to both switcher operation console 4 and edit operation console 5. Claim 5 recites steps carried out by the same circuit structure found in Claim 1. Fu does not disclose any corresponding structure to meet the language now recited in independent Claims 1 and 5.

From all of the above, Applicant believes that the rejection has been overcome and that Claims 1-8 are now in condition for allowance. An early indication to that effect is respectfully requested.

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